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Dear John,

In the course of two hours or more of fruitless searching for something else I found two things I'd forgotten I have that may interest you. One is a package of four strips of color film, I think, 35 mm from the National Archives, the other is the transcribed radio traffic from AF1 11/22/63.

Just holding the film strips up to the light indicates that they include the back of the shirt and the necktie. The necktie shots seem to be good and clear. Unlike the print I loaned you the pattern of the tie appears to be clear. At least some are posed to make it absolutely without question that the tie was cut ~~cut~~ and I think that what also interests me much right now, the tiny nick is quite visible and I think with the lining showing clearly.

I will want prints. I write you before making any arrangements to see if you are interested in prints for your own uses.

There is an element of mystery in this for me, probably due to the several decades since I got this film. There is no date but out former postal route number is that far in the past. Aside from the fact that this seems to mean that the Commission did have a clear picture of the tie and did not use it, when I asked for meaningful pictures to be taken for me and had to go to court in the effort, by lying about the regulations Archives prevailed on giving me prints. But it was required to make the pictures for me and let me study them. So, this film, certainly exposed for me by the Archives, cannot have been in response to that lawsuit in which I represented myself.

If your retrieval systems can provide what I need very much and now cannot find it would be quite helpful. I'm writing the story and when you are here I'll tell it to you if you are interested. In about 11/63 a reporter from the Baltimore Sun named Richard Levine interviewed J.Thornton Boswell. He wrote a story quoting Boswell as saying that he was careless and erred in locating the back wound on the back and that if he had known it was important he'd have been more careful. Before the Sun went to press the same hokum was a major story on the AP wire. I deduce that Boswell told someones how effectively he had conned Levine and that someone saw the potential of wider use of the same con. What I want very much and can't find is both stories. I have a clear ~~mf~~ recollection of what I did with them when the were published. I mounted them inside a file folder to protect them when I travelled and ~~gt~~ have them right when I used them in speaking or on radio or TV.

Thanks if you can help,

Harold